

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and objections and rejections as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, pertaining to the specification, claims and drawings.

Accordingly, inasmuch as applicants gratefully note the Examiner's indication that based on appropriate amendments being implemented to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, all of the claims would be considered to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, in full compliance with the Examiner's requirements, applicants have amended the specification, claims and abstract to provide terminology consistent with that requested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Furthermore, applicants also propose the amended Fig. 3B of the drawings, as attached, and upon allowance of the application, an appropriately amended formal drawing will be submitted.

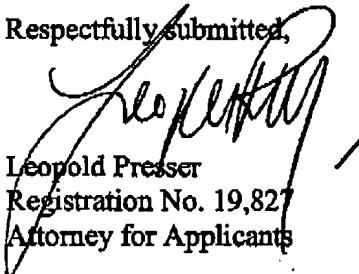
Furthermore, in addition to the amendments, which are deemed to obviate the Examiner's various grounds of rejection pertaining to formal matters, applicants note the Examiner's query concerning a "force transducer". However, as indicated in the introductory portion of the specification, a force transducer is generally well-known in the technology and can be any instrument which measures force being applied to a specific area in order to be subsequently able to determine pressure being exerted onto a surface. In this connection, although not fully described in the specification, any force transducer may be simply a pressure sensor which transmits measurements to a controller so as to enable the adjustment or maintaining of a

predetermined compressive force being exerted by the stamp device against the substrate in order to provide the lithographic impressions. Consequently, inasmuch as the force transducer is primarily a device or pressure or force sensing instrument well-known in the art, and can be practically of any type of construction both mechanically and/or electrically, it would be unnecessary to provide further detailed discussion thereof. In this connection, without introducing new matter, applicants have introduced some minor explanatory matter into the specification in support of the term "force transducer".

Accordingly, inasmuch as applicants have fully responded to the Office Action, and amended the specification in conformance with the Examiner's requirements, and based on the presence of allowable subject matter, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures: Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendment for Approval by Examiner
(including Sheet 3 of the drawings with amended Fig. 3B).